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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 9, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE

The President concurs with your opinion and has requested that you inform the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho that the appointment of Mr. Ephraim Tsepa Manare as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Lesotho to the United States would be agreeable to the Government of the United States.

H. A. Kissinger

Henry A. Kissinger

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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July 3, 1973

FOR: Jeanne Davis

FROM: Hal Horan HH

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

July 2, 1973

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Dear Mr. President:

The Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Ephraim Tsepa Manare as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Lesotho to the United States. A biography of Mr. Manare is enclosed. A thorough review of United States Government records reveals no grounds for objection.

I believe this appointment would be satisfactory. If you concur, I shall be pleased to inform the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho.

Respectfully,

Kenneth Rush

Kenneth Rush
Acting Secretary

Enclosure:
Biography.

The President,
The White House.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 6, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: William Watts Wm. Watts

SUBJECT: Lesotho

The suggested reply to Prime Minister Jonathan from President Nixon has been withdrawn at the request of the Lesotho desk officer, according to Roger Morris, Robert Brown at State Secretariat has been informed.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 3, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Lesotho: Letter to Prime Minister Jonathan from President Nixon

On November 14, 1969, the Department received a letter addressed to the President from Prime Minister Jonathan which was transmitted to the White House by the enclosed memorandum dated November 18, 1969.

A suggested reply is enclosed.

for Theodore L. Eliot, Jr.
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Copy of letter from Prime Minister Jonathan dated Nov. 10.
3. Copy of memorandum dated Nov. 18.

Ask State if we may hold pending NSC on South Africa (as should)

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Tentative (S/S) advised that R. Morris upset OBJECT no reply rqd.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Suggested Reply

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I appreciate your letter of November 10, 1969, touching on a number of matters of interest concerning economic development in the Kingdom of Lesotho and relations between the Governments of Lesotho and the United States.

I share your keen interest in strengthening the cordial and constructive relations existing between our two countries, and I admire your personal efforts and dedication to the advancement of Lesotho and the improvement of the standard of living of your people.

I am aware of the specific problems you have raised regarding the level of United States representation in Lesotho, the need for developmental assistance, and the activities of the Peace Corps. These are likewise of interest and concern to us, and I know the Department of State has been in communication with you and your Government regarding them. I would simply add my own assurance to you that it is our desire, within the budgetary and other limitations of which you are aware, to make a constructive contribution and to make clear the respect which we accord you and the Government of Lesotho in your efforts to deal with the difficult problems confronting you.

I am pleased to learn of your plan to make a familiarization tour in the United States before the 25th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. The State Department and other agencies of my Government will be pleased to offer you assistance in making such a trip fruitful and enjoyable.

In closing, Mr. Prime Minister, I would like to express my best wishes and hopes for your success in advancing the over-all interests and welfare of the people of the Kingdom of Lesotho.

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

His Excellency

Chief Leabua Jonathan,

Prime Minister and Minister

of Foreign Affairs of

the Kingdom of Lesotho.

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MINISTRY OF ~~EXTERNAL~~ AFFAIRS
P.O. BOX 527
MASERU
LESOTHO

10th November, 1969

Dear President,

I am taking advantage of Mr. Moore's visit to write to you about several subjects that have exercised my mind for some time.

First, I wish to refer to the level of American representation in Lesotho, which has been the subject of discussion between myself and your representatives over the past three years. It is my wish, Mr. President, to see the level of representation raised from Charge d'Affaires to Ambassador. This request is no reflection whatsoever on the conduct and ability of the good and honest men who have represented your country so well here. On the contrary, the request is motivated by my deep desire to strengthen the warm and cordial relations existing between our two countries, which happily see eye to eye on such subjects as communism, the existence of Israel, free trade and the elimination of racial prejudice. As you are undoubtedly aware, Mr. President, American representation at Ambassadorial level in Lesotho would greatly strengthen our position vis-a-vis our economically powerful neighbour, the Republic of South Africa.

The second point I wish to mention is that of regional co-operation. We in Lesotho believe strongly in the concept of regional co-operation for the purpose of pooling resources and maximising results. We are already co-operating with Malawi, Botswana and Swaziland in important educational and manpower studies. We are the regional headquarters of the Africa Co-operative Savings Credit Association (ACOSCA), which includes all the countries of Southern Africa. ACOSCA's aim is to mobilise local savings and to explore profitable lines of local investment.

The third subject I wish to broach is that of direct American economic assistance to Lesotho. During the past three years, we have left no stone unturned in our determination to improve the standard of living of our people. We are extremely grateful for the financial and material assistance we have received from various sources, including your Government, either directly or through such non-governmental agencies as Co-operative for American Relief Everywhere (C.A.R.E.) and Catholic Relief Services (C.R.S.)

But as you know, Mr. President, the road to economic self-sufficiency is long and hard. We are still far short of our targets in improving our infrastructure, our educational facilities and, of course, our agricultural production, both crops and livestock, which are, at the moment, the mainstay of our economy. It is in these vital fields, Mr. President, in which we think your country can best help us. Perhaps you would be kind enough to accede to our request for a team of A.I.D. experts to visit us early next year for the purpose of studying our Provisional Five-year Development Plan, with a view to ascertaining possible areas of assistance. By then we hope to be able to give you an indication of the level of British aid during the next triennium.

I now wish to refer to the Peace Corps. For the sake of harmony and in order to dispel misunderstanding and confusion, we would like to see closer consultation and co-operation between the Peace Corps in Lesotho and the office of your local representative, that is, the Charge d'Affaires. Rightly or wrongly, our people do not distinguish between Americans who are here under different auspices, hence the necessity of projecting a common American point of view. We would like to feel that Americans working in our country were motivated by the same desire to promote friendship and mutual respect among our respective peoples. But unfortunately, while we have got on famously with your accredited representatives, there have been unpleasant incidents involving some members of the Peace Corps, who have meddled in our internal politics and in our relations with the Republic of South Africa.

Finally, Mr. President, it is my wish and intention to visit your country next year. If possible, I would like to undertake a brief familiarisation tour just before the Twenty-fifth Session of the United Nations Assembly. Perhaps you would be kind enough to let me have your reaction to this proposal.

With highest consideration,

Yours sincerely,

Leabua Jonathan
Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The Hon. Mr. Richard M. Nixon,
President of the United States,
White House,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 20, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

The President concurs with your opinion and has requested that you inform the Government of Lesotho that the appointment of Mothusi Thamsanqa Mashologu as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Government of Lesotho would be agreeable to the Government of the United States.

/S/ HK

Henry A. Kissinger

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

February 19, 1969

Dear Mr. President:

The Department has received a communication from the American Embassy at Maseru inquiring whether this Government agrees to the appointment of Mothusi Thamsanqa Mashologu as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Lesotho to the United States. A biographic sketch of Mr. Mashologu is enclosed.

I believe that the appointment of Mr. Mashologu at Washington would be satisfactory. If you concur, I shall be pleased to inform the Government of Lesotho of your approval.

Respectfully yours,

William P. Rogers

Enclosure:

Biographic Sketch

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The White House.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: February 28, 1969
4:00 p.m.
Mr. Palmer's office

SUBJECT: Farewell call of Ambassador Mohale (Lesotho)

PARTICIPANTS: Ambassador Albert S. Mohale, Lesotho

Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Joseph Palmer 2nd
Country Officer, H. F. Byrne

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Mr. Palmer expressed his regret that the occasion for this meeting was Ambassador Mohale's imminent departure from Washington. He said that we greatly appreciated the very active part the Ambassador had taken, not only in Washington but also at the United Nations. The Ambassador thanked Mr. Palmer and stated that he had really enjoyed his stay in the U.S. He was disturbed by this interruption in his tour of duty for he had begun to feel comfortable here, with his excellent contacts, having started from scratch a little over two years ago.

In reply to Mr. Palmer's question, the Ambassador said he had been to Nairobi several times but never for long. He agreed it would be an interesting post, as he would be his country's representative at the OAU, ECA and in several adjacent countries besides Kenya. He was eager to find out what were the real attitudes of the leaders in these countries. It was time, he felt, for many of them to grow up and be more constructive in building toward world peace. The Ambassador harbored some doubt, however, about hos long he might remain in Nairobi. He thought his party (BNP) might ask him to return to Lesotho and stand for political office.

Mr. Palmer inquired about the Oxbow Scheme, observing with satisfaction that UNDP had recently approved the financing of the feasibility studies. The Ambassador acknowledged this

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encouraging development and said the study would take about a year. The question of where to site the power plant, in Lesotho or on the South African side, would be a difficult one to settle with the SAG.

The Ambassador stated that the Special UN Committee on Apartheid was very upset over the commencement of South African Airways flights to New York. Their views were being transmitted in a letter to the UN Secretary-General.

Turning to the question of US representation in Lesotho, the Ambassador said Prime Minister Jonathan had instructed him to inquire about what steps the new Administration had taken or was contemplating in the matter of appointing an American ambassador in Maseru. The Prime Minister was concerned over our failure thus far to do so and looked forward to early action on this by the new Administration.

Mr. Palmer said the best way to answer was to start with the good news, namely, that we had found it possible to divert to Lesotho 1,000 tons of cornmeal. This shipment was due to leave Baltimore March 3 and would arrive by the end of the month. We hoped the receipt of this grain would carry the program until regular shipments were resumed. The Ambassador expressed his pleasure over this news and said it would be most welcome news to Prime Minister Jonathan.

Mr. Palmer said, reverting to the question of our representation in Lesotho, that the change in Administrations, in his opinion, would not make a difference. He was sure the Ambassador understood the problems involved. Not only the Executive Branch, but also the Senate, the House Appropriations Committee and even the Bureau of the Budget were involved, besides the White House. But, we would pursue the matter and, hopefully, might have a decision in another four or five months. There were, as the Ambassador must realize, many other matters attracting the attention of the White House and the Congress, which carry relatively higher priority.

The Ambassador said he would write a personal letter to the Prime Minister setting forth these facts again and he hoped that might satisfy Chief Jonathan.

Mr. Palmer thanked the Ambassador for calling and wished him success on his new assignment.

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1. DELIVERED TEXT ORALLY TO PRIME MINISTER JONATHAN, WHO EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION, HIS ADMIRATION FOR SUMMIT ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND HIS PERSONAL GOOD WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS OF PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS IN PURSUIT OF PEACE.

2. PM ASKED IF HE MIGHT HAVE COPY OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO SHARE WITH HIS CABINET. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION PROVIDE COPY.
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2. SHOULD AMENDMENT BE OFFERED TO GIVE SC SEAT TO PRC, GRC WOULD VOTE AGAINST BUT NOT LOBBY FRIENDS TO OPPOSE. WOULD RATHER LEAVE IT UP TO EACH TO DECIDE. KUAN ASSUMES SC VOTE ON OWN MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE PROCEDURAL, THUS NOT SUBJECT TO VETO.

3. COMMENT: FROM TRAFFIC WE HAVE SEEN, THIS FIRST INDICATION ACTUAL GRC ACCEPTANCE OUR DR AND GENERAL POSITION. IT ALSO APPEARS AT VARIANCE WITH IMPLICATION PARA 2 (A) OF REF B. I THEREFORE PROBED MATTER AT SOME LENGTH MAKE SURE I HAD POSITION CORRECT. IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT KUAN, AN ABLE AND EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT (AND-IN EMBASSY'S EXPERIENCE -- RELIABLE) IS MISINTERPRETING EITHER OR POLICY OR AUG. 8 MEETING.

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SUBJECT: JONATHAN MESSAGE TO NIXON

REF: MASERU 117, DEPTEL 32104

1. DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER JONATHAN FROM PRESIDENT NIXON:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I APPRECIATED YOUR PERSONAL MESSAGE ON THE FOOD SHORTAGE IN YOUR COUNTRY. THE UNITED STATES HAS CERTAINLY SHARED YOUR CONCERN THAT RELIEF SHIPMENTS REACH LESOTHO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

FORTUNATELY, THE STRIKE IS NOW OVER IN MOST EAST-COAST PORTS AND DELIVERIES FROM THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES AND WORLD FOOD PROGRAM ARE ON THE WAY.

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I KNOW YOU WILL BE GLAD TO LEARN ALSO THAT MY GOVERNMENT, IN COOPERATION WITH THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES, WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE 1,000 SHORT TONS OF CORNMEAL FOR DISTRIBUTION IN LESOTHO. THIS ADDITIONAL SHIPMENT LEFT THE PORT OF BALTIMORE MARCH 3.

WE ALL HOPE THAT THESE DELIVERIES WILL ENABLE LESOTHO TO SURMOUNT THE THREATENING CRISIS AND RESTORE NORMAL SUPPLY CHANNELS.

SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON UNQUOTE
ROGERS

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